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Vaccines and Diagnostic Reagents

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- ☐ the fee of \$180.00 set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

or

- ☐ a Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e):

- ☐ see attached Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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and

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- ☐ see attached Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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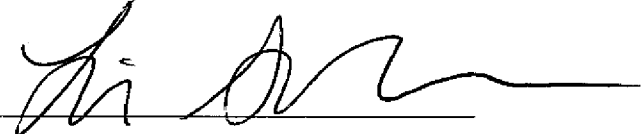
An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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